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UMC Tags Monarchs to Support Migration Monitoring in North America

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CROOKSTON, MN (July 18, 2006) – No other butterflies in the world migrate like the Monarchs of North America, which roam up to 3,000 miles in a two-way journey every year. To help monitor these treks, the University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC) Natural Resources Department participates in Monarch tagging. A small adhesive tag containing a unique number is attached to the Monarch's wing by Laura Bell, department naturalist. When the butterflies arrive at the wintering grounds in Mexico, researchers then recover the tags and use them to better understand Monarch migration.



The UMC Nature Nook on campus is a perfect place to find Monarchs. The UMC Nature Nook is registered as a certified Monarch Waystation since it is designed with the right plants in the Butterfly Garden, including milkweed, which attract butterflies. A joint effort between the UMC Natural Resources Club and the Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society, the Nook is located between Owen and Hill halls on campus. Community members are welcome to stop by to take a closer look anytime.



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